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# ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, February 21, 2023 at 5:30 PM

Council Chambers - City Hall, 3rd Floor  
1717 E. Park Street, Two Rivers, WI 54241

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## MINUTES

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** 5:42 pm

2. **ROLL CALL AND CHECK ON REMOTE PARTICIPANTS**

**Board Members Present:** Donald DeBruyn, Darla LeClair (Virtual), Ben Meinnert,, Tracey Koach  
**Absent/Excused:** Douglas Brandt (Absent), Jay Orvis (Excused)

**Staff present:** Matthew Heckenlaible, Scott Ahl and Jake Glaser

3. **REVIEW LAST MINUTES - APPROVE OR CORRECT**

Motion made by Tracey Koach and seconded by Ben Meinnert to approve the January 17, 2023 minutes. Passed

4. **PUBLIC INPUT** - None

5. **GUEST SPEAKER** - None

6. **CURRENT ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND ACTION**

- **Resignation of Kate Gadd & Katherine Dahlke** – Darla LeClair informed the Board of the two resignations.
- **New Member Douglas Brandt, possibly Jake Glaser/TRPD to replace Chief Benjamin Meinnert** – Darla LeClair provided a brief background of Douglas Brandt and asked Jake Glaser to introduce himself. Jake stated that he has an interest in the environment and loved working with kids to help get them interested in the environment as well. He was promoted in the Two Rivers Police Department and his interaction with the kids was limited. He would like to re-engage with an environmentally friendly group and promote green initiatives.
- **Front Yard Vegetable Garden proposal** – Darla LeClair informed the Board that ordinance revisions were passed at the February 22, 2022, City Council meeting to allow for a Front Yard Vegetable Garden Pilot Program in 2023. Darla LeClair also informed the Board that the Guidelines are almost complete and that once she has them completed will get them out to the Board for review. She is hoping to present them at the March 6, 2023 City Council Meeting.
- **Winter Educational Series**
  - **Titus Seilheimer 2/7/23 presentation on the health of rivers & lake, algae bloom, Forget-Me-Not Creek.** Tracey Koach provided a brief overview of the presentation which was moderately attended at the Lester Library. Titus Seilheimer provided a good explanation of what a watershed was along with history of restoration efforts of Forget-Me-Not Creek.

- **Next presentation - 3/9/23 Nick VanDeHey/McMahon Associates - clean water/ stormwater runoff/DNR requirements.** Darla LeClair stated that she would not be present for this presentation and asked that engineering staff be available to moderate this presentation.
  - **Future board meeting guest speaker - Joe Baeten/DNR - NR Basin Supervisor/ Runoff Management - talk about CAFOs & smaller family farms regarding runoff control responsibilities, difficulties & the bottom line -** Darla LeClair provided an overview of Joe Baeten and his knowledge of both Agricultural and Urban Storm Water Management requirements. Mr. Baeten is also on the Two Rivers Main Street Board. Mr. Baeten suggested doing an introduction with Dave Wetenkamp to plan a 'pasture walk' to see how agricultural practices manage waste from CAFOs (large, concentrated animal feeding operation) as well as small and medium farms. If a municipality pursues a stormwater management practice to be implemented within a small or medium farm, that municipality would need to be follow WDNR requirements, enter into an agreement with that farmer and pay associated costs for the term of said agreement.
- Matthew Heckenlaible advised the board that we should just concentrate on those stormwater requirements that pertain to the City and not outside of the City's control such as agricultural practices.
- **City match WPPI new tree grant council resolution update** – A copy of the resolution was provided to the Board. The proposed March 2023 Utility Bill insert that promotes 'tree planting' was also reviewed.
  - **Status of realtor pamphlet for realtors, Utility Bill Inserts focused on the benefits of trees, gardening & associated incentives plus information on green infrastructure projects the homeowner can do.** Darla LeClair stated that she talked with a realtor regarding information, and they informed her that there is already information available to realtors. Darla LeClair stated that she would try and get some information and share with the Board at a later meeting.
  - **Keep main goal of stormwater – Quality**
  - **Find other methods of improving stormwater runoff other than wet ponds**

## 7. OTHER ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND ACTION

- **Status of new DNR TMDL - 2023 or 2024? TBD - will keep on agenda as placeholder -** Matthew Heckenlaible informed the Board that the Draft Northeast Lakeshore TMDL is posted on the WDNR website for review. WDNR is accepting public comments into early March and then will address the comments accordingly. Once all comments are addressed, they will forward the report to the EPA for their review and concurrence. If all goes well, the report will be finalized in late summer or early fall 2023. The draft report provides what Phosphorus and Total Suspended Solid reduction requirements are proposed to be in the seven various reach sheds within TMDL. These reduction goals are similar to what was presented by Nick VandeHey earlier in 2022. The City is looking at applying for a grant for updating the City Wide Stormwater Management Plan to assist in determining meeting TMDL requirements.
- **Explore Grant opportunities for environmentally related activities that are complementary to and cooperative with future City projects - ON-GOING**
  - Watch for opportunities for green infrastructure.
  - Grant applications need to be considered two years prior to project.
  - Look at development of green infrastructure near Water Plant where it would be visible from Memorial Drive and/or from the trails in the area.

**8. NEW ITEMS** - None

**9. NEXT BOARD MEETING** - Tuesday, March 21, 2023, at 5:30 pm

**10. ADJOURNMENT:** Tracey Koach made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Donald DeBruyn. Motion passed (6:06 pm)

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